reach of poor and weaker sections of society, especially those living in far flung and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take some effective and concrete steps to help the people in those areas, in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Computer as means of education

†2205. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to use computer as an important means of education;

(b) if so, whether any perspective plan has been formulated by Government to link present education system to computer literacy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Government have directed Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to acquire computers for their schools. Besides, Government also proposes to extend support to the State Governments/UTs, who have been taking initiatives for introducing computer education in their schools. Under the revised scheme of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS), State Governments/UTs would formulate Computer Education Plans (CEPs) - to draw upon the various items and activities that would include training of teachers, development of softwares and acquistion of hardwares.

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